THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) Sir, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decentralization of Telecommunications Department

377. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to decentralise the Telecommunications Department:

(b) if so, what would be the modalities thereof: and

(c) in what way the decentralisation will benefit the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir, Government proposes to give more powers to the field units with the view to make them more competitive with private sector.

(b) and (c) The case is under consideration of the Government.

Additional free cals fol subscribers in Delhi and Bombay

378. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry or the MTNL have evaluated the effect on the generation of additional revenue due to timing of local calls in Delhi and Bombay:

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal to pass on the benefit to the subscribers by allowing them additional calls over the 150 allowed free, for the bi-monthly rental of Rs. 380/-;

(d) if so, the details thereof: and

(e) what are the reasons for not allowing additional 20 calls to compensate for wrong connections, as was done earlier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF TH MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION. (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) Does not arise since there was no system earlier for allowing additional calls to compensate for wrong connections.

Waiting list for telephone sonneltons in Janakpuri Exchange

379. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Janakpuri, exchange in Delhi has notified the clearance of applications for general telephone connections made upto 31st December, 1990;

(b) whether it is a fact that some applications made in 1989 have not been cleared, whereas a number of applications made during 1991 and 1992 have been cleared;

(c) the number of applications made prior to 31st December, 1990 still pending and those made after 1st December. 1990 cleared, and the latest date upto which applications have been cleared;

(d) whether any action against the officers responsible for these irregularities has been taken; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, the date of clearance for N-OYT General